

REMARKS

Claims 1-12 and 26 will be pending upon entry of the present amendment. Claims 1, 7 and 8 are amended, and claim 13 is cancelled.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for his consideration in conducting an interview with the undersigned representative on November 16, 2006. It is applicant's understanding that an agreement was reached, and that the claims as provided in the present amendment are allowable over the art currently of record. Accordingly, applicant understands that the rejections of the recent Office Action are moot.

Applicant, therefore, respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider this application and timely allow all pending claims. If the Examiner notes any informalities in the claims or other outstanding matters, he is encouraged to contact Mr. Bennett by telephone at (206) 694-4848 to expeditiously resolve such matters.

The Director is authorized to charge any additional fees due by way of this Amendment, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-1090.

Respectfully submitted,

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